

[Henry Hahn]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview.

NAME OF WORKER Henry Lickei ADDRESS 1002 G. Lincoln, Nebr.

DATE Oct. 24, 1938 SUBJECT German-Russian Folklore

1. Name and address of informant. Henry Hahn

2. Date and time of interview. 12-22-38. 9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.

12-28-38 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

3. Place of interview. 1038 Charleston St. Lincoln, Nebraska.

4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant. None.

5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you. None.

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. It is just an average American home and very clean.

FORM B Personal History Of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Henry Lickei ADDRESS 1002 G St.

DATE Oct. 24, 1938 SUBJECT German Russian

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Henry Hahn

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1. Ancestry. German, Russian
2. Place and date of birth. Norgia, Russia, April 25, 1873.
3. Family. Wife dead, two sons and five daughters.
4. Place lived in, with dates. Norgia, Russia 1873 to 1893. Sarotoff, Russia, 1893 to 1901—Lincoln, Nebr. 1901-1908. Norgia Russia, 1908-1911—Lincoln, Nebr. 1911 to date.
5. Education, with dates. German [church] school until confirmed.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates. Is retired but was janitor most of the time.
7. Special skills and interests. Likes to take care of geese and ducks, etc.
8. Community and religious activities. Reformed Lutheran Church.
9. Description of informant. Short and heavy and has some features of the Russian people.
10. Other points gained in interview. Probably acquired, but the German type seems to dominate. At the age of 20, he moved to Sarotoff, Russia. A large city where he was married and lived until coming to Lincoln [?ebr.] Nebr. in 1901. In 1908 he returned to Russia and lived at Norgia, Russia until 1911 when he again came to Lincoln, Nebr.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

NAME OF WORKER Henry Lickei ADDRESS 1002 G

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT. Henry Hahn

Witches and Demons.

My people believed in witches and demons and we feared them. Mrs. Hahn did not believe in witches and made some effort to talk us out of thinking that way. We believed that a person walking in his sleep was the doings of a witch and we did not dare to wake them for fear the would hurt us. We also believe the if the was a black post put up at the edge of our village that a witch had killed someone in our village. We would not leave home for a few days. Our people were buried the same way they are ever here and the graves were much deeper. Funerals in our district in Russia were always conducted on foot to the cemeteries as they were always close at hand and our people could not afford carriages.